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MIAMI INTERNATIONAL BOAT SHOW SET ANCHOR IN MIAMI BEACH

Celebrating its 60th anniversary, this year's show featured the latest powerboats, engines, electronics, and accessories from 2,300 exhibitors on more than 2.5 million square feet of exhibition space. (The Miami International Boat and Sailboat Show is the world's largest consumer marine exhibition.) The show was open to the public Febru-

ary 16 - 20, 2001. Additionally, the Brokerage Yacht Show was held on Indian Creek Waterway.

The Boat Show's economic impact far surpasses that of other boat shows held in Florida. Miami has a solid reputation as the marine industry's premier event and a long history of attracting serious buyers from around the world. Last year's Boat Show

had an economic impact on the City's business community of over \$13 million and economic impact to Florida of \$598.6

million. These increased revenues are very important to the City's continued financial health.

The Boat Show adds increased traffic and parking demands. Your patience during this period was appreciated. The benefits our community receives are great.

There will be a public workshop to discuss this year's Miami International Boat Show and the Yacht Brokerage Show on Wednesday, **March 28, 2001 at 5:00 p.m.** in the Commission Chambers, third floor, City Hall, 1700 Convention Center Drive.

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The 27th Annual Miami Beach Festival of the Arts Featured World-reknowned Artists

The Miami Beach Festival of the Arts in its 27th year was held on North Beach's beautiful Ocean Terrace for the second year on February 10 and 11. The City's Fine Arts Board along with the Office of Arts, Culture and Entertainment and the North Beach Development Corporation dedicated many hours in making this year's event another success.

One of the highlights of this year's festival was a mesmerizing installation of world-renowned artist Nam June Paik's work. In addition to the over 150 fine arts booths, there was a Local Artist Showcase that exhibited the works of local working art-

ists for the first time in a festival setting. The children's art gallery returned to the event this year, showcasing works from local children. There was also plenty of entertainment, food, and children's activities, including the History Channel's roving museum and an Egyptian-themed sand sculpture.

Mark your calendars: Next year's festival is scheduled for February 9 & 10. If you are interested in supporting the festival, contact 305-673-7577.



City's Mission Statement

"We are committed to providing excellent public service and safety to all who live, work, and play in our vibrant, tropical, historic community."



At Your Service!

The Community Development Division (John Quade, Bertha Fortunato, Lyssette Rivera Cripps, Alex Diaz, Mercy Rovirosa and Joanna Revelo) develops and maintains a viable urban community by leveraging federal funds with other monies available to carry out housing and community development programs. By serving as a catalyst for community involvement, the Division works with community-based organizations to create jobs, provide public services, create affordable homeownership opportunities, and improve the City's infrastructure. These efforts improve the quality of life for residents and stimulate economic vitality. The Division also designs and implements projects and monitors the use of funds for housing and community development programs.

The main programs administered by the Division are the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG) Program. CDBG is the City's largest federal revenue resource and provides funds to undertake essential capital and street improvements, improvements to park and rec-

An American Dialogue on Miami Beach 2001

Thursday, March 15 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Commission Chambers, City Hall,

A free public conference on diversity issues in Miami Beach

Removal of Garbage, Trash and Debris (Section 90-101)

Keep Miami Beach litter free. All owners and occupants are required to keep their property, the areas adjacent to their properties and areas between their property and the street and alley (including sidewalk, swale, curb and gutter) free from any and all garbage, trash and other debris or discarded matter within 24 hours of its placement. Violators shall be subject to fine and penalty.

reation facilities, and removal of architectural barriers to the physically and visually impaired. Funds are also used to carry out commercial revitalization programs, economic development activities that create and retain jobs, public services for low and moderate income persons, the frail elderly, the disabled, youth at risk, Persons Living with AIDS, and victims of domestic violence. Under the ESG program, funds are used to provide emergency shelter, transitional housing and supportive services for the homeless, as well as homeless prevention activities to address the needs of the City's homeless. The Community Development Division also provides intra-departmental and inter-departmental grant writing services that leverage significant funds for other City services and projects. The Division also provides these services to the community at-large through collaborative efforts with local nonprofit organizations.

This year the City has approximately \$575,000 available for community-based public services and approximately \$820,000 for improvements to public facilities, street improvements, and other neighborhood enhancements.

The next funding cycle for eligible Community Development Block Grant funds and/or Emergency Shelter Grants funds begins February 1, 2001. On this date, the grant applications will be available in the Community / Economic Development Department, third floor, City Hall. The deadline for all grant applications is 5:00 p.m. March 5, 2001. Prior to submitting grant applications, all prospective applicants should first determine if the activity is eligible under federal guidelines and regulations.

For additional assistance, please contact the Community Development Division at 305/673-7260. Grant applications and information on the Requests for Proposals (RFP) are also available on the City's website www.ci.miamibeach.fl.us.

Make Fido a Better Dog in 2001

For information on dog obedience classes, call the City's Parks & Recreation Department at 305-673-7224 or 305-673-7730.

Mandatory Water
Restrictions
Watering is permitted on

Wednesdays and Saturdays from 4 -8 a.m. for homes with addresses that end with an odd number. And, Thursdays and Sundays for homes ending with an even number or with no address.

Watering by hand with one hose and an automatic shut-off nozzle is allowed form 5 -7 p.m. on the same days.

New landscaping, planted for less than 30 days, may be watered Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 2 - 8 a.m.

New landscaping may be watered at any time by hand with one hose and an automatic shut-off nozzle.

Washing of cars, boats and other equipment is permitted 4 - 8 a.m. and 5 - 7 p.m. on the landscape watering days.

For information on other restrictions and how to further conserve water, log on to www.sfwmd.gov or call 1-800-662-8876.



Enjoy a **free** celebration of the arts on the second Thursday of every month from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in various locations throughout Miami Beach, such as the Miami Beach Botanical Gardens, ArtCenter South Florida, and the Miami City Ballet, to name a few. For more information, call 305-673-7500 or 2ndthursdays.com.